LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

The following is a listing of claims (none of which are amended by this document):

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously Presented) A control system comprising:

a peripheral that is attached to and controlled by a host computer to which identification information for identifying a specification of the peripheral is transmitted;

the host computer being configured to control the peripheral using control information selected on the basis of the identification information,

the peripheral including a processor capable of performing the operations of:

detecting a change in a specification for a device attached to the peripheral;

obtaining, from a memory, changed identification information which is modified with the specification of the attached device for identifying the specification of the peripheral; and

transmitting the changed identification information from the peripheral to the host computer.

8. (Previously Presented) A control system comprising:

a peripheral that is attached to and controlled by a host computer to which identification information for identifying a specification of the peripheral is transmitted;

the host computer being configured to control the peripheral using control information selected on the basis of the identification information,

the peripheral including:

a connection unit for connecting another device; and

a processor configured to perform the operations of:

detecting a change in a situation of connection of the another device to the connection unit;

obtaining, from a memory, changed identification information which is modified with the specification of the attached another device for identifying the specification of the peripheral; and

transmitting the changed identification information from the peripheral to the host computer.

9. (Cancelled)

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19. (Previously Presented) A communication method performed between a host computer and a peripheral controlled by the host computer, the method comprising:

transmitting identification information to the host computer for identifying a specification of the peripheral; and subsequently

detecting a change in specification for a device attached to the peripheral;

obtaining, from a memory, changed identification information which is modified with the specification of the attached device for identifying the specification of the peripheral;

transmitting the changed identification information from the peripheral to the host computer.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, wherein the change in specification for the attached device is a change in firmware for the attached device.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, wherein the change in specification for the attached device is a change in attachment status for the attached device relative to the peripheral.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, further comprising obtaining from the memory a selected one of plural pieces of information, the selected one of the plural pieces of information corresponding to the changed identification information which is representative of the combination of the peripheral and the attached device with the changed specification.

23. (Previously Presented) A peripheral controlled by a host computer, the peripheral comprising:

a connector configured so that identification information can be transmitted to the host computer for identifying a specification of the peripheral;

a processor configured to detect a change in specification for a device attached to the peripheral;

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a memory configured to provide changed identification information which is modified with the specification of the attached device for identifying the specification of the peripheral;

wherein the processor is further configured to obtain the changed identification information from the memory and to transmit the changed identification information from the peripheral to the host computer.

24. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 23, wherein the change in specification for the attached device is a change in firmware for the attached device.

25. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 23, wherein the change in specification for the attached device is a change in attachment status for the attached device relative to the peripheral.

26. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 23, wherein the processor is configured to obtain from the memory a selected one of plural pieces of information, the selected one of the plural pieces of information corresponding to the changed identification information which is representative of the combination of the peripheral and the attached device with the changed specification.

27. (Previously Presented) A peripheral controlled by a host computer, the peripheral comprising:

a first connector configured so that identification information can be transmitted to the host computer for identifying a specification of the peripheral;

a second connector configured to receive attachment of one of plural possible accessories to be attached to the peripheral;

a storage device configured to store plural pieces of identification information, each piece of the identification information being used for identifying a unique

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combination of the peripheral and an associated one of the plural possible accessories to be attached;

a processor configured to:

detect a change in specification of an actually attached one of the plural possible accessories to be attached;

extract from the storage device an appropriate one of the plural pieces of identification information which is modified with the specification of the attached device for identifying the specification of the peripheral; and

transmit the appropriate one of the plural pieces of identification information to the host computer.

28. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the change in specification for the attached device is a change in firmware for the attached device.

29. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the change in specification for the attached device is a change in attachment status for the attached device relative to the peripheral.